





## POLLINATION, NOT POLLUTION: building a better environment for bees and other pollinators

World Bee Day Celebration in the city of Osijek will gather key experts on bees, wild pollinators and environment protection united in one goal: to teach the citizens and children about the importance of making our world a better place for bees and pollinators, and consequently – for all of us!

With the help of the oldest beekeepers' association in Croatia "Pčela", the County Chamber of Economy, Faculty of Agrobiotechnical sciences, Faculty of Food and Technologies and the Biology Department, City of Osijek will organize a series of events dedicated to the topic of saving the bees and wild pollinators, especially in urban areas.



## Local events linked to WBD 2022

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2022, Osijek will celebrate World Bee Day with a series of public events:

Public celebration POLLINATION, NOT POLLUTION in the city park on the 20th of May 2022 – Opening the World Bee Day celebration with the topic of making Osijek's urban area friendly for bees and wild pollinators: key stakeholders like the city representatives, representatives of the University of Osijek, Chamber of Economy and the oldest beekeepers' association in Eastern Europe "Pčela" will present their plans on how to improve urban areas for bees and wild pollinators. Schools and kindergartens from Osijek and the surrounding area will come to this celebration and represent their bee-related artwork. This event is open to the public and hopefully, it will attract citizens like nectar attracts the bees!

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- World Bee Day in Višnjevac elementary school celebration organized by students and teachers will raise awareness that bees are very important for our society! Students are preparing a play and many art workshops that will welcome other schools and their friends and parents.
- World Bee Day in Osijek Culture Center with bee-related art and an example on how to make city buildings greener: presentation on the importance of green roofs. This event will be linked to the "Challenges and Solutions for Urban Beekeeping" round table that will include stakeholders not only from Osijek, but also other interested cities that would like to make the first steps toward urban beekeeping.
- Little Bees 2022: a series of workshops in kindergartens for the youngest bee-friends! Workshops will be held during the whole week from 16th till 20th of May 2022 and the results will be published on Osijek's BeePathNet Facebook site.

Keeping in mind that the city of Osijek is facing many challenges regarding the implementation of urban beekeeping, a round table "Challenges and Solutions for Urban Beekeeping" will be held within the World Bee Day celebrations. Key stakeholders like beekeeping associations'



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representatives, City representatives, Croatian Apitherapy Society, professors at the Osijek University and other interested individuals will be invited to join and discuss on the key topics related to urban beekeeping. This round table, that will be organized in the Osijek Culture Center on the 20th of May 2022, will also include representatives from other cities that are interested in urban beekeeping.

A holistic approach to urban beekeeping, already developed in the City of Ljubljana, is being transferred to four bee-friendly European cities, and **the BeePathNet Reloaded network is creating favourable conditions for sustainable urban beekeeping** and contributing to a cleaner and greener environment, and also to the preservation of natural resources and biodiversity.

The awareness raising champing on **celebration of The World Bee Day, 20. 5. 2022** is taking place in all our partner cities: <u>Ljubljana</u>, Slovenia, <u>Bansko</u>, Bulgaria, <u>Bergamo</u>, Italy, <u>Osijek</u>, Croatia and <u>Sosnowiec</u>, Poland. Learn more by clicking on the city names.

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